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TAX PREPARER & EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR TAX FRAUD

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced the return of an Indictment¹ against tax preparers Eugene DiNatale and Chakawarn Sirirathasuk charging that they conspired to defraud the United States of America and filed false corporate income tax returns on behalf of their clients. DiNatale is owner and operator of DiNatale & Associates, Ltd., in Rockledge, PA, a business that provided bookkeeping, accounting, and tax return preparation services. Sirirathasuk was employed by D&A as a Senior Accountant and provided tax preparation services to D&A clients. The Indictment alleges that between 2001 and 2004, DiNatale and Sirirathasuk conspired to defraud the United States by failing to file Quarterly Federal Tax Returns, Form 941, for labor leasing agency clients of D&A. The form reflects employment taxes due to the government on wages those clients had paid to their employees, including withholdings of federal income taxes and Federal Insurance Compensation Act ("FICA") taxes. It is further alleged that DiNatale and Sirirathasuk filed tax returns for labor leasing clients that overstated the amount of business expense deductions and under reported the amount of taxable income earned by the clients, thereby, under reporting the amount of income tax due to the United States. The alleged schemes resulted in estimated tax losses to the IRS of \$4,856,000 in uncollected employment taxes, and \$132,096 in uncollected corporate income taxes.

DiNatale is charged with eight counts of filing false income tax returns; Sirirathasuk is charged with two counts.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Eugene DiNatale	Trumbauersville, PA	1947
Chakawarn Sirirathasuk	Upper Darby, PA	1967

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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If convicted of all charges, DiNatale faces a maximum possible sentence of 29 years imprisonment and a fine of \$2.25 million; Sirirathasuk faces a maximum possible sentence of 11 years imprisonment and a fine of \$750,000.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and the Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud of the United States Department of Labor. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Labor, III.

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